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WASHINGTON--TOP SENATE MILITARY EXPERTS PREFER THAT A MILITARY OFFICER BE TOP ASSISTANT TO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE.

AIR FORCE LT. GEN. C. P. CABELL IS RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND STEPPING DOWN AS THE CIA'S NO. 2 MAN. THE VACANCY IS STILL FILLED, AND THE LAW PERMITS A CIVILIAN OR A MILITARY MAN TO HOLD THE POST.

HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., AND SEN. PRESCOTT BUSH, R-CONN., ALL ADVISED MCCONE YESTERDAY TO RECOMMEND A MILITARY MAN FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CONSIDERATION.

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